

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BUCAR 01053 231147 Z

10

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ADP-00 IO-12 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-09 H-02 INR-09 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01

PRS-01 SS-14 USIA-12 SAJ-01 RSR-01 /126 W

----- 000999

R 231055 Z MAR 73

FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4887

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 1053

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR XF RO IS EG

SUBJ: CEAUSESCU AND MIDEAST

REF: BUCHAREST 0914 (NOTAL); PARIS 07029

1. AS REPORTED REFERENCED BUCHAREST MESSAGE, RELIABLE ROMANIAN MFA AND JOURNALIST SOURCES DURING FIRST WEEK MARCH INDICATED THAT CEAUSESCU WAS PLANNING VISIT " OUTSIDE EUROPE," TO " MIDEAST," OR TO " CENTRAL- AFRICA" BEGINNING MARCH 14. THEY POINTED OUT THAT NEWS STORIES WRITTEN FOR MARCH 4 PUBLICATION CONDEMNING KHARTOUM MURDERS WERE STOPPED, APPARENTLY TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING ARAB FEELINGS. WHEREAS IT POSSIBLE THAT THESE REPORTS WERE CONFUSED WITH PROJECTED NUMAYRI VISIT TO BUCHAREST (WHICH WE HEARD HAD INITIALLY BEEN SET FOR MID- MARCH), PARIS REPORT (REFTEL) ON POSSIBLE NEW ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE ON MIDDLE EAST TENDS TO SUPPORT BUCHAREST RUMORS THAT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BUCAR 01053 231147 Z

CEAUSESCU HAD BEEN PLANNING VISIT TO CAIRO. REPORT OF PRESIDIUM MEMBER RADULESCU' S CONVERSATIONS IN CAIRO SUGGEST THAT CEAUSESCU MAY HAVE INTENDED TRAVEL TO EGYPT IF RADULESCU' S SOUNDINGS APPEARED POSITIVE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARAB INFORMATION AGENCY IN BEIRUT HAS CIRCULATED REPORT THAT CEAUSESCU HAD EMBARKED ON NEW MIDEAST MEDIATION EFFORT. ATTEMPT WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN CAIRO BY RADULESCU AND WITH ISRAEL DURING MARCH 13 MEETING AT WHICH NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR COHEN PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO CEAUSESCU. HOWEVER, ISRAELI DCM HERE DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT ROMANIANS HAVE MADE ANY PROPOSAL ON MIDEAST. HE STRESSED THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR COHEN ASKED CEAUSESCU WHETHER HE HAD ANY IDEAS FOR SOLUTION OF MIDEAST PROBLEM, CEAUSESCU MERELY RAISED HIS HANDS IN A RESIGNED SHRUG. COMMENT: IF THIS IS ACCURATE ACOUNT, IT POSSIBLE THAT CEAUSESCU DID NOT WISH RAISE SUBJECT UNTIL HE HAD RECEIVED FULL REPORT FROM RADULESCU WHO RETURNED BUCHAREST MARCH 16.
MEEKER

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

CONFIDENTIAL

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BUCHAR01053
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730336/aaaaiesm.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 BUCHAREST 0914, 73 PARIS 07029
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02-Aug-2001 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <31-Aug-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 971222
Subject: CEAUSESCU AND MIDEAST
TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, RO, XF, n/a
To: AMMAN
BEIRUT
KHARTOUM
LONDON
NEA
PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC

TEL AVIV
USUN

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005